



COURTYARD CONSTRUCTION

An Tay Orphanage, Hue

15th to 21st October 2011

Sponsored by SJII INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN SINGAPORE



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Introduction

An Tay- located in Hue city- is one of seven orphanages supporting the orphaned and poor children in Hue. Currently there are thirty children living in the orphanage under the care of five housemothers and teachers. With the support of a Swiss organisation, constructions for An Tay orphanage began in 2006 and it started running officially in 2007. This orphanage has since grown to become one of the most highly regarded orphanages in Hue.

Physical education is one area that the orphanage has always been concerned with. On one survey, we understood that the children and teachers wanted to have a ground on which to play basketball and volleyball. However, with the limited budget of the orphanage, independently building a playground for the children would prove to be beyond their reach.

Thus, the construction of the playground at An Tay orphanage was deemed necessary to prolong the education and care of the children at the orphanage. As such, the project proposes to build a playground in order to improve the education in An Tay orphanage.

Project plan

Based on the concerns of and recommendations from the children and teachers, Hue Help proposed to provide financial support for the court yard as follows:

01	Court yard construction	51.250.000	2,500.00
02	Hue Help administrative fee	5.000.000	250.0
Total		56.375.000	2,750.00

Implementation

After receiving the approval from St Joseph's Institute International (SJII), Hue Help and Thua Thien Hue's Union of Friendship Organisation worked with An Tay to devise a plan for the program.

On 16th October 2011, six students from SJII started working in the orphanage with the assistance of Hue Help's staff, local workers and teachers in the orphanage. Driven by the enthusiasm and dynamism of their youth, the team contributed towards the completion of a playground for the children. The Singapore students were also able to concurrently organise other meaningful activities for children such as English classes for children, and exchanging music and culture with students of Hue University.

After five days of hard work, the program ended with a closing ceremony on 20th October at the orphanage with members of many local authorities, teachers, and children attending.



Above: Loading cement and sand





Above: Concreting the courtyard



Above: The children playing on the finished playground



Above: Food exchange





Above: Music exchange

Conclusion

The program has achieved great results: the new playground was completed, improving the environment for the education of young children in the orphanage.

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